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SUBJECT: TOKYO MEDIA REACTION - VISIT OF IRANIAN
PRESIDENT TO IRAQ

¶1. LEAD STORIES: Top stories on Monday morning include a nationwide telephone poll that put support for the Fukuda cabinet at 33 percent and nonsupport at 51 percent.

¶2. "Iranian President Visits Iraq as Message to U.S." The conservative Sankei ran a Cairo-dated report that stated (3/3): "Iranian President Ahmadinejad on Sunday became the first Iranian president to visit Iraq since the Islamic Revolution of 1979. He met with Iraqi President Talabani and Prime Minister Maliki to discuss such issues as enhanced economic relations and security cooperation.... The Iranian president's visit appears intended to demonstrate to the international community his nation's presence and the indispensable role it can play in terms of stability in Iraq.... The U.S. government has so far remained silent about the trip. The U.S. appears to have silently acquiesced to the visit despite its bitter feelings toward Iran, as Washington needs to continue direct talks with Tehran about public order."

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